

Knights miss shot at state tourney bid with region loss

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Opinion Editor

The Knights were hoping to make a strong end of the season run and qualify for the state tournament. They were matched up against the west side rival and second-ranked Roosevelt Rough Riders. The Knights would need a picture perfect effort to move on to the state tournament. Unfortunately the Knights took a hard 70-33 loss.

“Obviously we are disappointed it ended the way it ended, but we had a lot of fun and we became a family throughout the season,” said senior Connor Nagel. “That’s what it’s all about: building a bond with your friends and becoming a family.”

During this game junior Braxton Elliott continued to provide the offensive spark for the Knights and scored 11 points.

The next game was a do-or-die regional battle against the Washington Warriors. The game promised to be an evenly matched contest and at the end of the first quarter, the Warriors led 12 – 11. The Knights then had a strong second quarter and went into the halftime break leading 27 -24.

However in the second half, the Warriors gained control of the game and lead by 11 points going into the fourth quarter.

The Knights were unable to mount a comeback and eventually ended up falling by a score of 66 – 49 ending their season.

“It was very emotional. We grew very close as a team throughout the year and to have it end the way it was very tough,” said Elliott. “The seniors were like brothers to me and it’s hard to think that I will never play with them again.”

During this game senior Tommy Entwistle scored two three pointers.

The state tournament was played March 20-22 in Rapid City where Roosevelt played cross town rival Lincoln in the state championship game. Roosevelt took home the state AA title by a score of 63 – 28.

This season, the Knights will say goodbye to five seniors. This includes Nagel, Entwistle, Max Donohue, Tanner Schulte, and Spencer Hopkins.

“It stinks that it is over but it was a lot of fun. I have never been on a team as close as we are and it was sad to play the last game with Tanner, Tommy, Conner, and Max after playing together since we were little kids,” said Hopkins. “Even though we didn’t get to state there were still a lot of positives in the season both with wins and just as a group in general.”

Knights look to regain championship form after fourth place finish at state last year

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This season, the Knights club baseball team has high hopes of being among the state’s best. Leading the Knights will be a new head coach, Jack VanLear, who becomes the third new head coach the Knights have seen in as many years.

“I coached the freshmen and sophomores last year and had a great experience,” said VanLear. “Also I had fun getting to know the boys and hopefully making them a little better at the game of baseball.”

VanLear graduated from Creighton University in 2011 where he came out as a stellar performer from the Blue Jay bullpen. Over the past years, VanLear played professionally for the Sioux Falls Pheasants and the Winnipeg Goldeyes.

“Coach VanLear has been great so far,” said senior Jaden Holzer. “He has had lots of experience with the game and he brings terrific advice with him. Everyone enjoys playing for him.”

Last season, the Knights finished fourth in the state tournament falling to the Mitchell Kernels in the consolation game. With a deep senior class leading the way, the Knights hope to make another run towards the state champion title.

The Knights come into the season with a strong return of three starters. This includes seniors Holzer, Alex Linneman and Justin Kautz who were key contributors to last year’s success.



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Senior Jaden Holzer pitches while senior Alex Linneman gets ready to field at third base.

“We have a very solid senior class,” said VanLear. “I look to all our seniors to have good seasons.”

The Knights will add players like senior Austin Serck as anchor pitcher along with senior Sam Nesbitt and Alex Fonder. Another player, senior Matt White will contribute as catcher.

“I’m really looking forward to the season,” said Linneman. “We should have a strong lineup and a lot of good pitchers which will hopefully put us in a good position at the end of the season to win a championship.”

Covering ground in the outfield will be seniors Connor Na-

gel, Andrew Sammons and Eion Donelan who supply speed.

“The bond I have with my teammates is something you look forward to the whole year,” said Sammons. “I’m looking forward to be with the guys in the outfield, because we come from the same summer team and play even more ball together.”

The Knights’ experience will be their number one strength.

“All of our 10 seniors have varsity experience,” said VanLear. “That will help us so much early in the season when we start with some very tough competition.”

Upcoming Sports Schedule

- April 7 - Golf vs. Yankton
- April 8 - Tennis @ Washington
- April 10 - JV Track @ Lincoln
- April 10 - Tennis @ Roosevelt
- April 12 - Track @ Brandon Valley
- April 14 - Golf @ Prairie Green
- April 15 - Golf @ Yankton
- April 15 - Tennis vs. Mitchell
- April 17 - Golf @ Huron
- April 18 - Tennis @ Eden Prairie
- April 21 - Golf @ Willow Run
- April 22 - Golf @ Kuehn Park
- April 22 - Track @ Washington

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Shrek costumers spin tails backstage

Cheyenne Chontos
Faith Editor

While the cast members of the O'Gorman production of *Shrek the Musical* are learning their lines and dance moves, another group of students is working backstage to make sure the show is on par with its Broadway counterpart. The *Shrek* costumers, while few in numbers, are working to make the visual aspects of the characters just as exciting as their personalities.

Sioux Falls seamstress Kendra Dexter and O'Gorman English teacher Scott Nelson head the costuming department for the play. Alongside them work several O'Gorman students, including juniors Jamie Smith and Maria Lehnen.

"I love feeling like I'm part of the musical even though I'm not on stage," said Lehnen.

"My favorite part of costuming is hanging out up here," said Smith. "It's like my second home. The other costumers are really fun too, especially Erin [Vogel] and Holly [Polak]. We're really going to miss them next year."

While the student costumers haven't had the same amount of experience as Dexter and Nelson, they do much of the same work. A typical student costumer's day

can include sewing, organizing the costumes, fitting outfits and pulling items for actors to try on.

"The students do pretty much the same work we do," said Nelson.

Dexter agrees. "We do some more management and budgeting, but otherwise the students are working right with us," she said.

For all of the work that they have to do, the number of costumers working on the show is light. Around half a dozen students come in regularly to help along with Dexter, Nelson and a handful of parent volunteers.

"If anyone has any interest in costuming, we'd love to have them," said Smith.

Besides a shortage of laborers, the *Shrek* costumers face other challenges.

"The hardest part is meeting the expectations of the audience," said Nelson. "People are going to come in comparing it to the movie version of *Shrek*. It's tough meeting that expectation."

"We don't have the same budget as Broadway to spend on costuming," said Lehnen. "So we have to do a lot of creative thinking and problem solving."

Other times the problems are simpler, like not being able to find a certain clothing article or



CHEYENNE CHONTOS / KNIGHT SCROLL

Junior Jamie Smith searches for the right shade of thread for one of the costumes. Each of the costumes are uniquely designed and created by O'Gorman customers.

things simply not working out as planned. But the costumers still remain positive.

"I'm very excited," said Dexter. "It's a little chaotic sometimes, but it'll be worth it."

"It's fun to do something new," said Nelson. "It'll be really fun watching the show come together."

This show has a bit of everything in terms of costuming. There are costumes ranging from real people to animals to fairy

tale creatures. "There's such a variety," said Dexter. "It's very Disney-style with all the different characters and elaborate costumes."

The costumes to look out for are the dragon, the knights, the Mad Hatter and, of course, the ogres.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how the dragon turns out," said Lehnen.

"I love all the costumes," said Dexter. "This is going to be a ton

of fun."

Shrek the Musical will premier Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. Other show times are April 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. and April 26 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

All are welcome to come see the show. Tickets are \$4 for children 12 years of age and younger, \$6 for students and \$8 for adults. Tickets can be bought through the box office. For more information readers can call 605-575-3335.

Foster the People discuss social issues through catchy tunes, various cultures

Kate Brycheeva
Entertainment Co-Editor

"The Truth", "Fire Escape", "Ask Yourself" – those and more interesting melodies can be found in a recently released album by Foster the People, titled *Supermodel*. It's only the second album for this American indie rock band, but it has already charted in five countries.

The process of recording was made in several steps. Foster the People used a portable studio to record the demos while they were on a world tour. Instrumentals for the songs were composed and recorded before lyrics were written and sung.

The musical theme is fascinating and features instruments and various sounds of different cultures of the world, which was inspired by the group's first tour in 2011. *Supermodel* features a more natural sound in contrast to the first album, which is electronically accented. The



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album explores dark themes of the modern society through light and uplifting sound.

The cover artwork goes along with the album's theme of social issues and was created out of the idea of how our self-worth, in a modern perspective, is judged on how many "retweets" or "likes" we get, and our need to present ourselves like supermodels,

showing others who we want them to perceive us as while hiding our real selves.

The album features 11 songs (12 in pre-order edition). The majority of the songs are written by Mark Foster himself.

To present the album worldwide, Foster the People are starting with a tour in North America, and later in summer – Europe.

Sioux Falls welcomes new soup restaurant on 41st and Kiwanis

Cheyenne Chontos
Faith Editor

O'Gorman students may have noticed a new restaurant has opened up across the street. Zoup! is a soup restaurant that opened late January 2014 on Kiwanis and 41st Street.

The Knight Scroll staff recently reviewed the new restaurant that specializes in the three S's – soup, salad and sandwiches.

Everything was prepared and served quickly, but that didn't sacrifice the taste. While no one ordered a salad, all of the meals that the reviewers tried were well-liked.

Before buying the soup, customers are first given the option to taste it. This helps a great deal when customers are torn between choices or have a picky eater with them.

There is a variety of options to

choose from. It offers something for everybody and even has a kids menu for the younger members of the family. Readers can find the full menu at www.zoup.com.

The highlight of the restaurant was definitely the staff. They were approachable and always had a smile on their face.

The overall atmosphere was friendly and warm. Someone greeted the costumers as they walked in, and the staff was patient with those who were unfamiliar with how ordering worked. The restaurant itself is small in size, but that just adds to the cozy feeling the place gives off.

Price-wise the restaurant is reasonable, and there are plenty of combos offered that help keep the price at a minimum.

Zoup!'s welcoming staff, tasty meals and variety of options makes it a welcome addition to Sioux Falls' restaurant scene.



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Photo Survey

“What are you most looking forward to this spring?”



“Doing activities outside, grilling out and hanging out with my family.”

- Mr. Jeff Gordon



“Prancing through the flowers”

- Megan Ekern



“Spending time with Teddy Schwebach in our bro tanks”

- Joe Schnetter



“Watching the spring play”

- Melissa Sierra



“Playing baseball”

- Ethan Strom

Top Ten

Spring Activities

- 1. Jogging
- 2. Playing Catch
- 3. Going to the Park
- 4. Gardening
- 5. Frisbee Golfing
- 6. Biking
- 7. Walking the Dog
- 8. Making a Bonfire
- 9. Spring Cleaning
- 10. Hop Scotching

Midterms show spirit of democracy

Senate elections will be taking place in November of this year, and they are going to be incredibly partisan. The Republicans have the potential to win the Senate, which would give them complete control of Congress. The alternative is that the Democrats will maintain control.

Either way, it seems that little will change. If the Republicans win the Senate, they will be able to pass incredibly conservative legislation, which Obama will veto. If the Democrats maintain control, the current trend of disagreements and battling between the House and the Senate will continue.

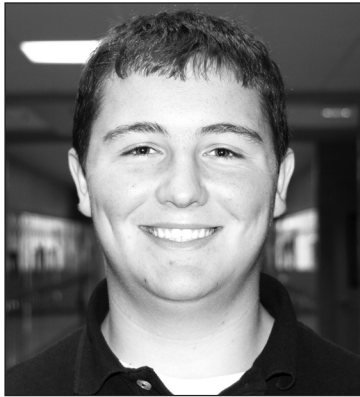
Therefore, instead of focusing on the party aspect of this election, be grateful we even get to have these elections.

The idea of tyranny is all over the news, but it always seems so far from home. Here in America, it can be very easy to forget that there are people not far away that would be elated if they were able to vote in a truly democratic elec-

tion.

In fact, there was almost a civil war in Venezuela earlier this year (and there still might be one) because many people believe their current President, Nicolas Maduro, was unfairly elected.

Basically, this is a reminder that democracy is awesome, in case you forgot.



Sam Breske

Yes, the democratic proceedings often result in a division between the parties within the country. Yes, this division can be traced from the highest level of politics to the educated political

savants of O’Gorman.

Despite this, there is no better system. Citizens of each state get to come together and decide who they want as a representative in the federal government. These elections are the time for the will of the people to be reflected in the position of the government.

The beauty of it is, even if we mess up and elect the wrong person – maybe a serial killer or meth dealer – we can fix it next time around.

So exercise your right to free speech. Find the nearest toddler and scream in their face why Michelle Nun absolutely cannot win the Georgia election.

While you’re staring into the eyes of this terrified and confused five-year-old, remember that they are the eyes of a free person. Someday he or she will grow up and find their own toddler to yell at, and you will have done your part to make democracy just a little bit better.

America - nice.

Week of activities gives school much needed breath of fresh air

Staff Editorial

O’Gorman got it right. Just a few years after getting rid of the homegoing festivities, the school - with much coaxing from the student council - brought back a week of activities.

It was a week of fun for students as they had time to share laughs and good times with each other as they played games and watched

fellow students share talents onstage.

It is through these events that O’Gorman’s true community is shown. By coming together to share in a few festivities, students are able to fully realize just how much they belong together.

The acts in the variety show were fantastic, and the volleyball tournament was a hit.

And of course it was even better as students were able to share in the fun of the movie *Frozen*. Come on, how can you not love Sven and Olaf?

So our words of advice here: don’t let this go. Keep this new tradition around. Students want to be a part of this community, and they want to show their friendship through all of the fun activities this school has to offer.



CAROLYN FREDERICK / KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior girls pose for a picture before competing in the Spring Fling Slam-a-thon volleyball tournament on March 24.

School receives federal grant

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"We have a lot of people coming into and out of the building," said Groos. "We just want to keep track of what's going on. As a Catholic school we rent out the building a lot for performances, and the cameras add a sense of security."

Tracking theft isn't the only job of the new cameras. They're also used to help students find lost or misplaced items.

"There are a lot of students that come in asking if they can use the cameras to help them find their missing things," said Groos.

The additional cameras have been received with a mix of emotions from the student body.

"When we first brought [the cameras] in the students were apprehensive," said Groos. "Now I think most of the students are comfortable with the additional cameras."

"I like the security," said senior Erin McInerney. "I think they're there for our safety. I

didn't even notice them when they first went up. Someone had to point them out to me."

Junior Ryan O'Connell disagrees. "I'm not a huge fan of the new cameras," said O'Connell. "I think it's the placement of them that really bothers me. I wish they weren't in the middle of the hall."

Groos said that parents of O'Gorman students are appreciative of the school for keeping security a top priority.

Both McInerney and O'Connell said that they feel O'Gorman is a safe environment, with or without the additional security cameras. Neither student thought the school needed to implement further security systems.

"Even before the new cameras I felt really safe," said O'Connell. "I think O'Gorman's a pretty safe place overall."

The school plans to continue its various drills, including fire, tornado and intruder drills each semester. Administration hopes



KAYLER NELSON / KNIGHT SCROLL

Students walk to class under new security cameras added to the area in order to enhance student safety. Sixteen new cameras were installed in the school.

to put up more cameras in the school parking lot and updating the existing cameras to high definition cameras.

"My hope is that we continue

to upgrade," said Groos. "We want to keep the school as safe as possible. We want to continue to cover all the angles."

Other schools in the area, in-

cluding St. Michael and St. Lambert, have also added more security cameras to their campuses.

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